

I strongly support this legislation and urge all Members to join me in voting for the Senate Amendment to H.R. 1437 "Further Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2023."

HONORING MIAMI/BAHAMAS
GOOMBAY HONOREES

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, from the 24th District of the great State of Florida, I rise today in celebration of the 39th Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival and to pay tribute to a group of remarkable individuals for their historic longevity journey and commitment to Miami's Coconut Grove community.

The Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival is a celebration of cultural expression embracing the legacy of Miami's Bahamian-rooted community known as Coconut Grove. The three-day celebration strives to provide a historical overview of the American/Bahamian culture by educating and exposing the public to its rich heritage and traditions.

These pillars of the Coconut Grove community have been an integral part in upholding the mission of the Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival and deserve to be recognized: MayBelle Berry, Elizabeth Daniels, Thelma A. Gibson, Beatrice F. Johnson, Mary B. McCray, Delois McGriff, Hattie Mattox, Hattie M. Nelms, Ethel R. Phillip, and Dr. George A. Simpson. Since the 19th century, Bahamians have played a significant role in the City of Miami representing one third of the registered signatories needed for the city's incorporation. Their rich Bahamian heritage has been preserved throughout the years with the support of individuals like the 39th Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival honorees.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring these living legends of Coconut Grove's rich history.

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
REGARDING H.R. 2415 AND H.R. 2641

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following exchange of letters regarding H.R. 2415 and H.R. 2641.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, December 13, 2022.

Hon. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN GRIJALVA: I write concerning H.R. 2415, the "Orphaned Well Cleanup and Jobs Act of 2021." This legislation would amend section 349 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to eliminate existing subsection (g) which authorized a technical and financial assistant program at the Department of Energy to help States remedy environmental problems caused by orphaned or abandoned oil and gas wells on State or private land which is within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

In an effort to expedite the filing of the Natural Resources bill report for legislative history purposes, I agree to not seek a sequential referral at this time. The Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that by forgoing a sequential referral request of H.R. 2415 at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation.

Finally, I would appreciate your response to this letter confirming this understanding and ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record to memorialize our understanding.

Sincerely,

FRANK PALLONE, Jr.,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
Washington, DC, December 14, 2022.

Hon. FRANK PALLONE, Jr.,
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN PALLONE: I write to you concerning H.R. 2641, the "Pacific Northwest Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act of 2021."

I acknowledge and appreciate that despite considering seeking a sequential referral on this legislation, the Committee on Energy and Commerce decided not to do so when the Committee on Natural Resources filed our committee report on the bill.

I thank you for your cooperation regarding this legislation and look forward to continuing to work with you as this measure moves through the legislative process. I will ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the Congressional Record.

Sincerely,

RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,
Chair, House Natural Resources Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, December 13, 2022.

Hon. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,
Chairman, Committee on Natural Resources,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN GRIJALVA: I write concerning H.R. 2641, the "Pacific Northwest Pumped Storage Hydropower Development Act of 2021." This legislation would eliminate the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's role in the licensing of non-federal entities development of small conduit hydropower or pumped energy storage facilities at Bureau of Reclamation reservoir which is within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

In an effort to expedite the filing of the Natural Resources bill report for legislative history purposes, I agree to not seek a sequential referral at this time. The Committee takes this action with our mutual understanding that by forgoing a sequential referral request of H.R. 2641 at this time, we do not waive any jurisdiction over the subject matter contained in this or similar legislation.

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Sincerely,

RAÚL M. GRIJALVA,
Chair, House Natural Resources Committee.

HONORING MS. DEBRA HEMBREE'S
SERVICE TO SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my district staff, Ms. Debra Hembree, for her 11 years of dedicated service as a congressional staffer. In 2011, Debra began working in my Pascagoula district office as a Congressional Liaison providing casework assistance for constituents in several counties throughout the Fourth Congressional District.

Debra is originally from Canton, MS, and is a lifelong Mississippian. She attended and graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi and Mississippi State University, receiving her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education and Master's in Elementary Education, respectively.

Debra served the community, educating young children, the future leaders of our great state, during her 30 year teaching career in the Pascagoula-Gautier School District before her retirement in 2004. Shortly after her retirement, Debra continued her teaching career at the Murray School at Wilmer Hall in Mobile, Alabama. While there, she embraced this new and challenging opportunity as the resource teacher for children in grades 6 through 12.

Debra's life was blessed 10 years ago when she met and married her husband, Tom. Together they share 3 children: Debra's daughter Anna, Anna's husband Chip; Tom's son Mitch, Mitch's wife Diana; and Tom's son Austin. They also have 2 precious grandsons, Jack and Hudson.

The foundation of Debra's life is her faith and belief that we are here to serve others. She is currently a member of First Baptist Church of Vancleave. Through the years, she has been involved in various areas of church service, including the preschool ministry, the Girls' Auxiliary, the Women's Ministry team, and Vacation Bible School. She has also been a member of the choir.

I genuinely appreciate Debra's years of service to the constituents of the Fourth Congressional District. She has always been a loyal team member who has worked diligently